

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCIENCE CITY IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Science City in Gujarat;
- (b) by when the project is likely to be completed; and
- (c) the funds released so far and spent on the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The Master Plan for the Phase I on a total area of around 30 Hectares has been finalized. The IMAX Theater has been opened for the public since 23rd October 2002 and to date more than 10,000 students from 50 schools and 81,000 visitors have enjoyed the edutainment experience of IMAX Theater. Also a 30-seater Simulator Ride has been opened for the public since 15th June 2003. The work on installation of Dinosaurs and exhibits in Energy Park, Space & Communication Pavilion, Life Science Park, Musical Fountain plus the infrastructure & utilities is in full swing.

(b) The target to complete the First Phase of the Project is March, 2004.

(c) The Government of India, Department of Culture sanctioned Rs.9.00 crores and has released Rs.1.00 crore so far, for the Science City in Gujarat.